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Tenure Award Lost By C.I.A. Informant

An appeals court overturned a \$580,000 award to a Brooklyn College professor who said he had been denied promotion and tenure because he exchanged information with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The professor, Michael I. Selzer, won the award at the end of a jury trial conducted by Judge Thomas C. Platt in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. Professor Selzer contended that college officials had violated his right to free speech and association.

But the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit said the judge had improperly instructed the jury, requiring a new trial. Judge Morris E. Lasker wrote the decision, with the concurrence of Judge William H. Timbers. Judge Irving R. Kaufman said the award should be overturned without any need for a new trial.